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2007 Milk Production in Pennsylvania Down Slightly from 2006

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr 1, 2008- - Pennsylvania's milk production for 2007 totaled 10,682 billion pounds, down 60 million pounds or 0.6 percent from 2006. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in milk production for 2007, behind California, Wisconsin, New York, and Idaho.

The average number of milk cows during the year was 550,000, which was 4,000 less than the previous year. Production per cow during 2007 totaled 19,422 pounds, compared to 19,390 pounds during 2006.

The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2007 was 186 billion pounds, 2.1 percent above 2006. Revisions to 2006 production decreased the annual total by 2 million pounds. Revised 2007 production was up 3 million pounds from last month's publication.

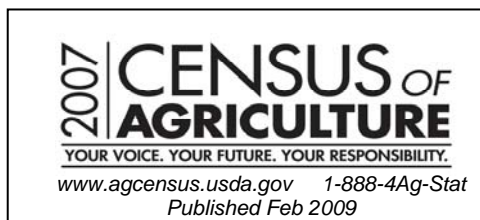
Average milk production per cow in the U.S. for 2007 averaged 20,267 pounds, 316 pounds above 2006. Average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 17.9 percent from 1998.

The average number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. during 2007 was 9.16 million head, up 0.5 percent from 2006. Average number of milk cows was revised up 5,000 head for 2007.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, PENNSYLVANIA, 23 STATES AND U.S., 2006-2007

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania		23 States		United States	
		2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Milk Cows.....	Thous.	554	550	8,246	8,322	9,112	9,158
Milk Per Cow.....	Lbs.	19,390	19,422	20,209	20,516	19,951	20,267
Milk Production	Mil. Lbs.	10,742	10,682	166,655	170,734	181,796	185,602
Operations with Milk Cows	Number	8,700	8,400	*	*	74,980	71,510
Licensed Dairy Herds	Number	8,610	8,010	*	*	62,070	59,135

* Not published or calculated



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